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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

BRIGHT et al.

Group Art Unit: 1636

Application No.: 09/405,839

Examiner: T. Butler

Filed: September 27, 1999

FOR: IMPROVED PLANT GERM PLASM

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2001, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 51 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims

26. (Amended) An expression system functional in a plant comprising:

- (a) an inducible promoter sequence responsive to the presence or absence of an exogenous chemical inducer;
- (b) either
- (i) a gene encoding a repressor protein under control of said inducible

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Appln. Title: IMPROVED PLANT GERM PLASM

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REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Date: July 13, 2001

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated herein by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT made B. <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn C. <input type="checkbox"/> made herewith D. <input type="checkbox"/> made previously For B & C See Required Separate Paper (Pat-256)		Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims		49	**minus 27	22	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$396	103/203
3. Independent Claims			***minus 3	0	x \$80/\$40 =	+ \$0	102/202
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application) add					+ \$270/\$135 =	+ \$0	104/204
5. Original due Date: May 13, 2001		<input type="checkbox"/> NONE					
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached		(1 mo)	\$110/\$55 =				115/215
		(2 mos)	\$390/\$195 =	+ \$390			116/216
		(3 mos)	\$890/\$445 =				117/217
		(Usable only for ≤ 2mo.OA --- 4 mos)	\$1390/\$695 =				118/218
		(Usable only for 30 day/1mo.OA --- 5 mos)	\$1890/\$945 =				128/228
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract					- \$0		
8. Extension Fee Attached					+ \$390		
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee					+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0	148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c),					+ \$180	+ \$0	126
or if Rule 97(d) Request					+ \$180		126
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)					+ \$710/355	+ \$0	146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)					x \$710/355 ea	+ \$0	149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)					+ \$710/355	+ \$0	1179/1279
14. Petition fee for					+ \$0		
15. TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =						\$786	

16. *If the entry in this space is less than entry in next space, the "Present Extra" result is "0".

17. **If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

18. ***If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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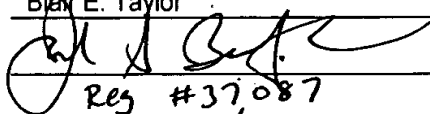
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